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December 23, 2012

Baptism

Fourth Sunday of Advent

(Portions of the service that are in **BOLD** are to be said by all. All points marked * those who are able are invited to stand.)

Approach

Carol Sing (10:15 -10:25 am)

Opening

- Hymn "Come and Journey with a Saviour" (see insert) Children's Time / Lighting of the Fourth Advent Candle
- Response (MV #221)

I am walking a path of love (3x) Lead me home, lead me home.

Joyful Noise - "Emmanuel Will Come"

Celebration of Baptism (see insert)

Hymn VU #74 – "What Child is This?"

(children leave for Bible Adventures)

Prayer of Approach and Confession

Each one of us has travelled to be here this morning. We walked, drove in our cars, rode the bus, and some of us even got on a plane to be here. It matters that we are together as a church family and as human families. Holy One, you created us to be in these precious relationships that sustain and nurture us. We come today to praise you for your wisdom and goodness. Coming home is such a comfort.

At the same time, we must admit that sometimes we take our families for granted. We squabble over trivial complaints. We resent their calls for our time. Forgive us. Help us to appreciate what a blessing it is to have family. Keep us mindful of those who are alone and look upon us with envy. Enable us to see family for what it is: a gift by which we understand God's love for us. This we ask in Jesus' name. AMEN

Assurance of Pardon

The Word

Scripture Readings - Micah 5: 2-5a, Luke 1: 39-45 Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church. THANKS BE TO GOD!

Anthem - "Calypso Lullaby"

Meditation – "Nothing beats coming home" (a quiet time for your personal reflection and prayer)

Anthem – "Celebrate Jesus the King"

The Response

Announcements

Offering / Response

You shall be the path that guides us, You the light that in us burns; Shining deep within all people, Yours the love that we must learn. For our hearts shall wander restless Till they safe to you return; Finding you in one another, We shall all your face discern.

Pastoral Prayer and Lord's Prayer

- Hymn VU #60 "O Come, All Ye Faithful"
- Benediction (VU #647)

In the kingdom of heaven Is our end and our beginning; The road that we must travel every day. Travel on, travel on To the kingdom that is coming, The spirit will be with us all the way. Travel on Travel on To the kingdom that is coming, The spirit will be with us all the way.

Rev. Dr. Sharon Wilson, Minister Patrick Woodbeck, Associate Minister Luci Toews. Church Administrator Laura Steidl. Music Director Kelsey Shiaro, "Joyful Noise" Director Myrna Hagues, Organist Gina Grant. Custodian Sharon Field & Matt Kaneski, Liturgists

Greeters: Bob Harrison and Edna Cechvala Ushers: Wilma & Don Hunnie